

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5, page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Serial No. 09/870,610 (~~Attorney Docket No. AUS920010361US1~~) entitled "System and Method for Extending Server Security Through Monitored Load Management" filed May 31, 2001.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 14, page 13 and ending at line 15, page 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In step 502, server 101 may detect an excessive number of packets exceeding a predetermined limit that may cause an overload of server 101. As stated above, server 101 may be configured to count the number of packets sent from a particular client 103 during a particular time frame. Server 101 may further be configured to extract particular information, e.g., Internet Protocol (IP) destination address, destination port of server 101, that may reside in the packet header field of the packets sent from a particular client 103. Server 101 may further be configured to determine if the number of packets received during a particular time frame exceeds a predetermined limit. In one embodiment, the number of packets allowed to be received from a particular client in a particular time frame may be established by a system administrator in configuration file 600 as illustrated in Figure 6. Referring to Figure 6, configuration file 600 may further comprise information such as the source Internet Protocol (IP) address of particular clients 103, the number of packets received from those particular clients 103 during a particular time frame, the port in server 101 to receive packets sent from those particular clients 103, as well as actions server 101 may perform if the number of packets received from those clients 103 during a particular time frame exceeds the predetermined limit as established by a system administrator. As illustrated in Figure 6, server 101 may block, i.e., filter, (as indicated by "BLOCK" in configuration file 600) packets received during a particular

time frame that exceed the predetermined limit. Furthermore, server 101 may inform the system administrator (as indicated by "INF_ADM") when server 101 receives a number of packets during a particular time frame that exceed the predetermined limit. It is noted that configuration file 600 may reside in disk unit 220. It is further noted that configuration file 600 may reside in any non-volatile memory. It is further noted that configuration file 600 may comprise other information and that Figure 6 is illustrative. Additional details regarding server 101 detecting an excessive number of packets exceeding a predetermined limit are disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/870,610 filed on May 31, 2001, entitled "System and Method for Extending Server Security Through Monitored Load Management," ~~Attorney Docket No. AUS920010361US1~~, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.